

IVEY RANCH ELEMENTARY
PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8/28/19
6:30PM-7:35 PM

Attendees: Kristin Abbott (Co-President), Amy Christman (Co-President), Maria Salazar & Brittany Flores (VPs of Family Events), Sara Simmons (VP Fundraising), Katie Plemel (Accounts Receivable Treasurer), Casey Jones (Creative Team Chairperson), Melissa Oates (Communications Chairperson), Tracy Creighton (Grant Researcher, Running Club Chairperson), Meagan Sullivan (Secretary), Ivey Parents

Welcome/ Call to order

President's Report - Kristin Abbott & Amy Christman

- Scheduled Events: See list on PTO Newsletter that is emailed weekly. May sign up for newsletter on PTO website. Certain event titles will be changed to reflect District rules on gender titles (for example, names of Moms & Muffins, Dads & Donuts, Daddy Daughter Dance will be changed)
- PTO Website: <http://www.iveyranchpto.org>
 - This site is maintained for free from former Ivey Parent. Updates to be completed within the next week
- PTO Facebook page: Ivey Ranch Elementary PTO
- PTO Instagram: IveyRanchPTO
- Current campus opportunities:
 - Classroom Delegates: PTO to hold meeting for all delegates after Back to School Night to review roles and responsibilities. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested.
 - Crossing Guard Position: paid position, talk to the school office if you are interested. Noon duties previously acted as crossing guards; however, they are mostly needed on campus and have been unable to fulfill crossing guard needs.
 - Uniform Exchange Chairperson: Junior Honor Society at MLK will be helping with this program. Ivey families are welcome to drop off uniforms that are no longer needed for their students or pick up uniforms for this school year. This is a great way to save on uniforms for the year.
- Garden Chairperson: Ivey is in need of someone to help maintain plants and garden areas. Email the PTO if you are interested.
- New Spirit Wear designs this year
 - Items on sale online by the end of this week. Also sold at Wednesday Flag Assemblies. Will be selling next week and then will likely sell the first Wednesday of the month. PTO will also have a table at Back to School Night to sell merchandise.
- ST Math and Reading Counts: These programs are no longer used at Ivey due to district policy

- Instead, Ivey is using Prodigy Math Program and Xtra Math
- Buyout Option
 - Will be incentivized more this year. For families that would prefer to donate directly to Ivey and the PTO instead of completing fundraising activities. More information to come. Buyout option will be open until the end of September.

VPs of Financials - Katie Plemel

- New mandatory District decision required PTO to give \$25,000 of raised funds through PTO events by Ivey families to be sent to OUSD to then be redistributed back to Ivey for technology. Awaiting information about how these decisions will be made or when Ivey Ranch will receive needed technology.
- Budget provided and approved by vote in meeting tonight
- Field Trip Funds: Dippin Dots to be sold certain Wednesdays at the front gate for 5th grade fundraising. There is not adequate power for freezer to sell at the back gate.
- When purchasing in the online store or by check please put your child's name, teacher's name and grade level in memo portion to make sure item gets delivered or credited to your child.

VP Fundraising - Sara Simmons

- Sept 4 - Fall Fundraiser begins, more information to come home from your child's teacher
- September 17 - Islands Dine-Out Night, Ivey receives 20% back
- Box tops -
 - New electronic system this year, instead of bringing in actual box top you will scan your receipt and credit will be assigned to Ivey. While products are updated in stores, Ivey will accept both actual box tops and electronic points.

VP Family Events - Maria Salazar & Brittany Flores

- Sept 11
 - Patriotic Spirit Day, students may wear Red, White and Blue to school
 - Back to School Night 5:30-7:00
 - 5:30-5:55 2nd & 3rd Grades
 - 6:00-6:25 1st & 4th Grades
 - 6:30-6:55 Kindergarten & 5th Grades
- Outdoor Movie - Secret Life of Pets
 - As in previous years, small charge for tickets and food just to cover the cost of the licensing fee and equipment rental.
 - Allen Orthodontics is donating popcorn machine and supplies and photo booth
 - Please contact Amy or Kristin for volunteer opportunities to check people in or help sell food and drinks
- Online RSVPs for Short Day Shows: \$5 each show or \$20 for 5. Sign ups must be made online and in advance in order to plan for accurate number

Creative Team - Casey Jones creativeteam@iveyranchpto.org - no updates

Communications - Melissa Oates

- Email Melissa at communications@iveyranchpto.org for anything that needs to be added to PTO weekly newsletter, Facebook or Instagram.

Grant Research - Tracy Creighton

- Tracy to put together marketing folder and visit local businesses for potential donations to Ivey.

Running Club - Tracy Creighton

- Running club attendance has been low, brainstorming ideas to increase participation: announce start time over school loudspeaker, change name to encourage families to join, incentivize students and families to run.
- Tracy to contact Mrs. Doose to determine at what time students and families can come to track
- Students can purchase running chain for \$2 from their teacher. They run laps before school Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Each lap earns 1 “dot” on their hand, 10 laps = 1 mile and 1 foot for the running chain.
- Brainstorming ideas to use instead of using markers to dot student’s hands. App based technology available: \$795 for system from San Diego based company. Each student has a lanyard with a card that is scanned for each lap that they run. Once this is paid for there are no continuing costs. Money can be raised for this from Turkey Trot run: Ivey receives \$5 per runner. Event coordinator can come to Ivey to set up a booth to help increase number of Ivey families that sign up for the run.

Parent Questions

- Has something been done to have shade structure over large playground?
 - Ivey teachers and PTO have worked on this and have been told that any removable or permanent shade would require hiring of engineer, review and approval of district and that the removable “sail” type structures would not be approved. Mrs. Hillhouse-Shokes Ivey entrepreneurs have sold products to raise money for this and this money is awaiting approval of feasible solution. Mrs. Hillhouse-Shokes to speak with Ivey parent who posed the question for any follow up needed.

If you want something posted in the PTO newsletter, Ivey FB or Instagram account please notify Melissa Oates (Communications Chair): communications@iveyranchpto.org

**** Dessert with the Principal 9.25.19 6:00pm-6:30pm
PTO meeting to follow from 6:30pm-7:15pm ****

